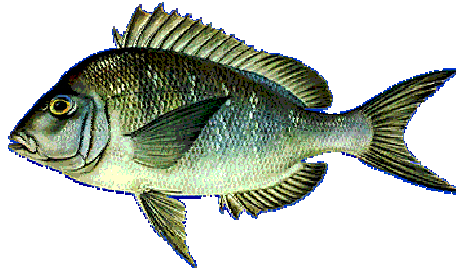


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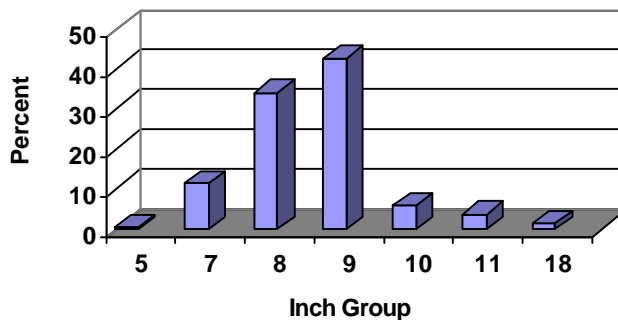
1997 Fact Sheet

Rhode Island

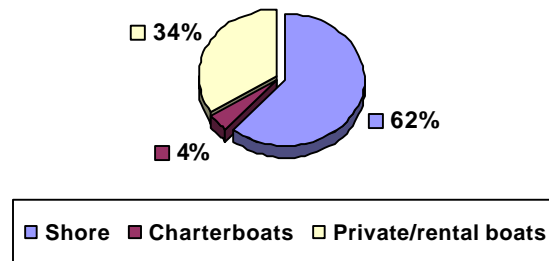


Species	Number Harvested (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
BLUEFISH	403	689	322
SUMMER FLOUNDER	273	450	293
SCUP	276	175	248
STRIPED BASS	62	925	610
TAUTOG	71	304	76

Harvested Scup Length Frequency



Saltwater Fishing Trips by Mode
1997 Total: 1.18 million



Did You Know...?

- ★ Over 277,000 anglers participated in Rhode Island's recreational saltwater fishery in 1997.
- ★ Rhode Island anglers ranked third in recreational harvest of scup for 1997.
- ★ MRFSS field interviewers have identified 63 species of fish caught in Rhode Island waters.
- ★ Over 39,000 saltwater anglers have been interviewed at Rhode Island fishing sites since the MRFSS began in 1979.